



**OCTOBER 6, 2009**

**AGENDA  
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, FREMONT**

**5:30 P.M.**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Salute to the Flag
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 Announcements by Mayor / City Manager

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

[Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so. The California Government Code prohibits the City Council from taking any immediate action on an item which does not appear on the agenda, unless the item meets stringent statutory requirements. The Mayor will limit the length of presentations (see instructions on speaker card) and each speaker may only speak once on each agenda item.]

*Times Are  
Approximate*

**3. CHILDREN'S NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND  
SCIENCE LEARNING CORRIDOR**

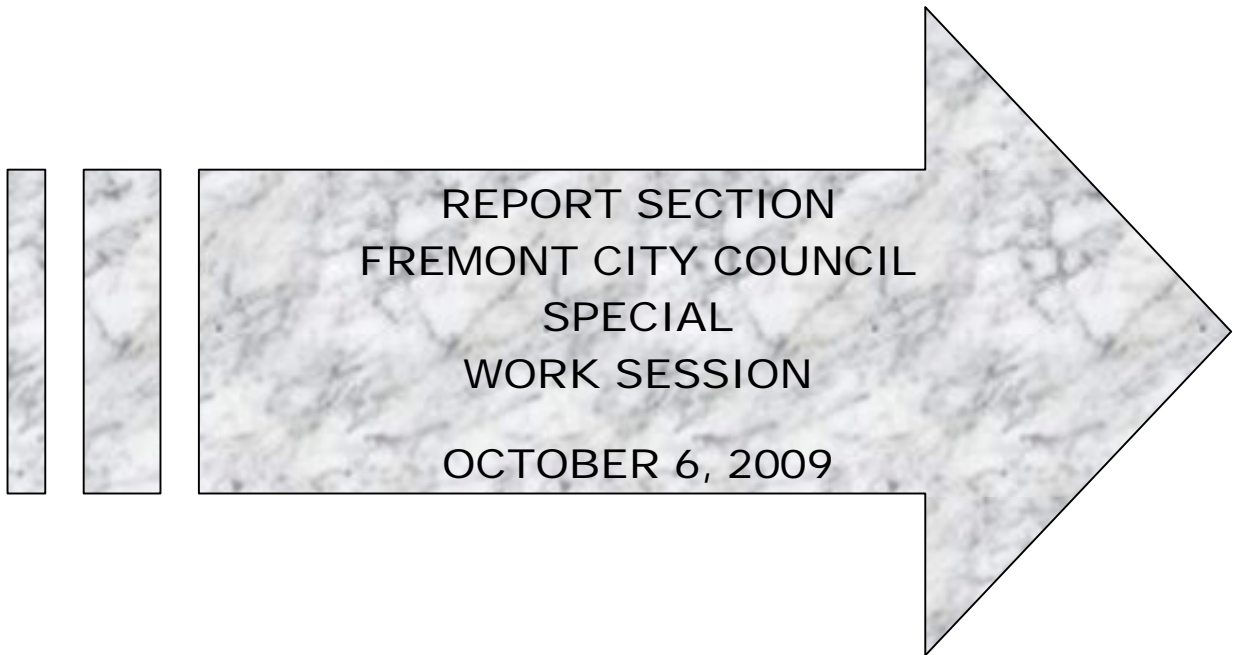
**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

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*Public Comment*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**



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**PURPOSE OF THE WORK SESSION:** The purpose of this work session is to allow for the Math Science Nucleus and the Fremont Unified School District to present their proposal for the creation of a Science Learning Corridor that runs from the Ponds to Sabercat/Mammoth Creeks that could potentially be funded through Federal Stimulus Funds.

**POLICY ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** At the June 9, 2009 City Council meeting, a referral was presented that proposed the utilization of the former library building in Central Park by the Math Science Nucleus as a new home for the existing Children's Natural History Museum. Staff was asked to conduct a baseline analysis of the Math Science Nucleus proposal and return to Council with that information. On September 22, 2009 staff returned to Council with the base line analysis, as well as an overview of new information, that included the creation of a Science Learning Corridor and a request for the City to partner in an application for Federal Stimulus funding. At this meeting, it was recommended that the City conduct a study session in which MSN and the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) present the learning corridor proposal, how the tri-entity partnering benefits the community and each of the partners, and a proposal for sharing the cost, benefits, and risks of pursuing a project this significant.

The initial proposal by MSN was to relocate the Children's Natural History Museum (CNHM) portion of the MSN to Central Park. The relocation of the CNHM to Central Park was envisioned to be the catalyst for the future development of a science learning corridor that runs from the Tule Ponds to Sabercat/Mammoth Creeks.

On August 26, 2009, a representative for MSN gave a presentation to the California Senate Committee On Education about the learning corridor concept, and how they believe it would be a top candidate for the Invest In What Works Innovation Fund (What Works) through the American Recovery Act. MSN also met with State Deputy Superintendent Andrea Ball to explore the possibility of receiving an endorsement of the proposed plan.

MSN has presented the projects they believe have the potential for funding through this stimulus program. In addition to capital improvements to convert the old library section of the Teen Center, they believe that construction of Sabercat Historical Park, and potentially pedestrian connections along our current bike/pedestrian alignment could be funded. If the What Works program does in fact allow for the development of the Historical Park and the pedestrian connectors, these projects have to be tied to this learning corridor in order to be eligible.

*Stimulus application:* It is unclear at this time if any stimulus money from this program will be available for operations. The grant offices have yet to release any specific information or criteria for the What Works application. However, a similar stimulus program called Race To The Top, leads us to believe that there will be limited to no funding available for operations, but significant capital funding. Information is expected to be available sometime in the month of October.

To further complicate things, the City of Fremont cannot be the primary applicant for the What Works stimulus program, even though all of the facilities, improvements, and programs as proposed are on City property. The application and administration of the grant must be by FUSD. MSN has been successful in gaining a commitment from FUSD to develop an application for stimulus funding for the What Works program.

**ENCLOSURE:** None

**REQUESTED OUTCOME OF THE WORK SESSION:** Receive information and provide direction to staff.